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49th Annual Stan Mikita Hockey School for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Hosted at Edge Ice Arena

Bensenville, IL – This June, the Village of Bensenville’s Edge Ice Arena will serve as the host facility for this year’s 49th annual Stan Mikita Hockey School for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. The program will take place from June 11 through June 18.

The American Hearing Impaired Hockey Association (AHIHA) is one of the leading sports organizations in the United States serving deaf and hard of hearing athletes. The organization’s mission is to instill confidence and self-esteem in deaf and hard of hearing individuals, primarily through AHIHA-sponsored clinics, camps, and related hockey activities.

This unique summer program provides students the opportunity to work with a number of USA Hockey certified coaches to gain on ice skills, systems of play, fundamentals of skating, and off-ice conditioning. The players are assigned to teams based on age, ability, and experience. Each team then plays games against local competition during the week of the hockey school. Game play is modified by using special modifications such as interpreters on the bench and flashing lights to indicate referee whistles.

“This program makes a major impact on the skaters who take part in it. Not only do they get to learn from highly skilled professionals, but they also form life-long friendships and learn valuable life lessons along the way. Being the rink of choice for this program year after year is truly an honor and something the Village is thrilled to be a part of,” said Village President Frank DeSimone.

Additional details on this program can be found at: <https://ahiha.org/>

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About Bensenville: Bensenville is conveniently located just 20 miles west of downtown Chicago in DuPage County, adjacent to O’Hare International Airport, surrounded by major expressways, and boasts several public transportation options including a Metra commuter station. With plenty to offer both families and businesses like brand new schools, great parks, and special events year round, Bensenville really is the “Gateway to Opportunity.” Please visit our website at: www.bensenville.il.us